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My dear Gray

As I have pretty well finished the
orders I undertook for the new part of
Gen. P. and Boze has still the Balanophora
and Gymnospermae to do I have taken on
hand the Scyphozoa which he had intended
to work up. In the Eryozoa I must
pretty well follow you and I Watson but
write now to ask you whether you really
concur in merging Centrosteja in Choroastrea
for it appears to me to merit the character,
as well as the name of the latter genus in
which the involution is constantly and perfectly
uniflorous and unless you insist on the
consolidation I should like to keep Centrosteja
distinct - Pray answer as soon as convenient
as we hope now to begin printing

Next is *Botrydium puberulum*? Sharpov
to me to go with *Nema caulis* and *Laetaria*

into a little group of *Eriogonum* without
any gamophyllous involucres but detached
bracts, perhaps connected with a pair of
lateral bractlets or stipules (such as form
the 3-pled bracts under the folds of the
involucres of *Eriogonum*), or all passing
into leaves. In *Holletaria* the bracts
on both sides as well as the perianth, are
densely woolly, in *Chamaecaulis* the bracts
on the inner side densely woolly outside
glabrous and the perianth glabrous,
in *Santalinia* the bracts or floral leaves
and perianth, have only a few woolly
hairs on the margins or inner surface.

I was rejoicing in the weight
for the bootpost in the postal union
being extended from 2 to 6 lbs when
I came upon a slaw which renders
it nugatory for the United States. To go
by post the boot must be 20 years old
or under a dollar value. This would

entirely preclude the sending by post a
part of our genera or even of the
cones - I should be glad to know
if it be so really

Yours very truly
George Bentham